



MONTICELLO

# CHURCH OF CHRIST

*As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men—Galatians 6:10*

## God's Part & Man's Part (Pt. 2)

—BJ Clarke—

Hebrews 5:9 should forevermore settle the controversy as to whether God and man both have a part to play in the salvation process. The record says that Jesus became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him. The word "author" is the translation of the Greek word "aitios." Vine's Expository Dictionary of Greek New Testament Words notes the meaning of the word which is found only once in the New Testament. He says that Christ "on the grounds of his finished work on earth has become the personal mediating cause of eternal salvation." Thus, the word "author" denotes God's indispensable role in saving humanity. Jesus is the divine cause of eternal salvation. Does man also have a part in this process? The latter portion of verse 9 answers with a resounding yes! Jesus is the cause of eternal salvation only to men and women who obey Him. If obedience is never offered in response to the grace He proffered, then salvation will never be realized.

Numerous examples of this principle are found in Scriptures. God made gracious provisions for Noah and his family to be saved from the flood. Did Noah contribute one whit to his salvation from the flood? "Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he" (Genesis 6:22). By faith he prepared an ark to the saving of his house (Hebrews 11:7). Noah couldn't add anything to God's power to protect him and God wouldn't build the ark for Noah. Thus, God had His part and Noah had his. Noah didn't earn anything. God deserves all the glory. However, if Noah hadn't built the ark and followed God's instructions, all of the grace that God had promised Noah would have been pointless.

It was the power of God that caused the walls of Jericho to come tumbling down. Yet, man had a part to play in bringing about the transaction. Men walking around the walls didn't contribute any power that God needed to make the walls fall down. But God had made it clear that He would not do His part until man had done his (Hebrews 11:30). The same is true of our salvation. Though He has already done His part in the sending of His Son to die on the cross, He will not do His part in cleansing us from our sins until we have done our part in humbly submitting to His will. Salvation would never have arisen for Saul if he had not arisen and been baptized (Acts 22:16).

God has done His part, and without it, no amount of man's part can justify. God's part has been to demonstrate His grace. Our part is to access that grace by a faith that submits and obeys (Romans 5:1-2; 6:1-4), and to realize that even after we have done our part, we have not merited our redemption. God has done His part. We must do ours to receive the promise (Hebrews 10:36).

## Memory Verse

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

**Matthew 16:24 (ESV)**

**March 31, 2024**

### ELDERS

Mike Beard

Larry Fisackerly

Joe Moore

### DEACONS

Marty Baker

Chris Bryant

Ray Linder

Jason Meier

Jeff Newton

Joshua Pettigrew

Kerry Rice

Jeremy Wilson

### MINISTERS

#### **Pulpit Minister**

Josh Walker

#### **Campus Minister**

Brad Tolbert

### Meeting Times

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Assembly 10:30 AM

Assembly 5:00 PM

### **WEDNESDAY**

Bible Study 6:30 PM

### ATTENDANCE

Bible Class ..... 72

Sunday AM Worship..... 82

Sunday PM Worship .... 71

Wed. Evening ..... 60

Budget ..... \$5,514

Contribution..... \$5,250

## THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS

- ◇ **Jone Baldridge** (Janet Staudinger's sister) passed away
- ◇ **Fran Calvert** is recovering from surgery
- ◇ **Laura Smith** is recovering from surgery
- ◇ **Monte Meier** waiting to have a heart valve replaced
- ◇ **Brad Tolbert** is undergoing chemo and radiation for the next five weeks
- ◇ **Lavon Light** (Janet Staudinger's brother) passed away. Services were Wednesday
- ◇ **Judy Purvis** (Fern Baker's mother) in ICU with low blood pressure and uncontrolled Afib
- ◇ **Jamie Edwards** (Fern Baker's brother-in-law) spent some time in the ER with blood clots, while still going thru chemo
- ◇ **Becky Colvin** is suffering from fractured vertebrae and a kidney stone.
- ◇ **Gary & Ann Pruitt's** brother from Longview, TX passed away
- ◇ **William Hines** passed away.
- ◇ Continue to remember **Donnie & Janice Wright**
- ◇ Continue to remember **Rita Stiles**

- ◇ **Elizabeth Phillips** has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Bone Cancer
- ◇ **Ike Rochell** is undergoing treatments for liver cancer
- ◇ **Andy Boykin** will have procedures that require him to be in the hospital five days every month for a year
- ◇ **Lindsey Hall** (**Drake Hall's** [Monticello Police Officer] wife) is home recovering
- ◇ **Allie Cooper's** cancer has returned
- ◇ **Acacia May** (**Becky Rice's** niece) is still dealing with health issues

## REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Jean Enlow    Betty McGuire    Pat Turner  
 Lyndell Baker    Judy Purvis    Laverne Potter  
 Marie Wooten

thank you

To all who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt. A special Thank You to the Meiers for organizing the event!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY

**5th Sunday - All Contributions go Toward Building Fund**  
 Sunday Morning class on David—Chris Bryant  
 Group 5 (Volunteer) - Return Cards Today or Wednesday

### THIS WEEK

### THIS MONTH

#### APRIL

20th - Areawide Singing - Monticello Church of Christ Building

#### MAY

5th - Graduation Banquet

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

#### APRIL

- 1 Drake Collins
- 2 Hunter Erwin  
Tom & Denon Weaver
- 3 Betty McGuire  
Shawn & Jill Curtis
- 4 David Wilson
- 6 Terry Boykin

### DAILY BIBLE READING

<b>MONDAY</b>	1 Cor 11–12
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Exod 1–4
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	1 Sam 16–20
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Ps 39–41
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Job 27–28
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Jer 7–11
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Mark 7–8

### LADIES' DUTIES

#### Communion Prep

- 31-Mar Carolyn Ashcraft
- 7-Apr Sandra Baker
- 14-Apr Sandra Baker
- 21-Apr Lindsey Baker

#### April

#### CARDS

Janet Staudinger

#### FOOD

Margaret Harris  
Terry Boykin

#### PENCILS/CARDS

Leah Bryant

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# APRIL 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 B - Drake Collins	2 B - Hunter Erwin	3 B - Beau Beard A - Shawn & Jill Curtis	4 B - David Wilson	5	6 B - Terry Boykin
7 B - Carson Simmons Olivia Simmons	8	9	10 <b>Ladies' Bible Class @ 10 am</b>	11 A - Angela Stewart	12 B - Lydia Meier	13
14 B - Colton Knight Singing & Fellowship	15 B - PJ Doshier	16	17 <b>Ladies' Bible Class @ 10 am</b>	18	19	20 <b>Men's Breakfast @ 6 am</b>  <b>Areawide Singing 6-7:30 pm</b>
21 B - Cordell Stewart	22 B - Carolyn Ashcraft	23	24 B - Margaret Harris Stacy Vondran <b>Ladies' Bible Class @ 10 am</b>	25	26	27 A - Joel & Valerie Thompson
28	29	30	31 <b>Ladies' Bible Class @ 10 am</b>			

# Worship Assignments for APRIL 2024

(Please Notify Joshua Pettigrew If You Are Unable To Serve)

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## SUNDAY MORNING

Date	4/7	4/14	4/21	4/28
<b>Songs</b>	J. Meier	J. Pettigrew	J. Newton	C. Bryant
<b>1st Prayer</b>	R. Rabb	K. Koonce	D. Vondran	M. Baker
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	L. Fisackerly	M. Beard	J. Moore	L. Fisackerly
<b>Table Servers</b>	P. Colvin	R. Rabb	S. Baker	R. Rabb
(1st listed is head of table, responsible for pm service)	R. Harris	B. Tolbert	P. Colvin	D. Vondran
	S. Baker	J. Tolbert	C. Dial	J. Tolbert
	B. Beard	D. Wilson	B. Beard	D. Wilson
<b>Announcements</b>	J. Pettigrew	M. Baker	R. Rabb	J. Pettigrew
<b>Scripture</b>	J. Tolbert	L. Usry	S. Smith	C. Newton
<b>C.L.I.C.K. Kidz</b>	Jensen Dial	Brooks Newton	L. Baker	B. Bryant
	B. Bryant	Luke Baker	Brady Beard	G. Walker
<b>Sound/Rec Sys</b>	C. Bryant	J. Newton	J. Wilson	J. Meier
<b>Usher/Counter</b>	G. Crook	G. Crook	G. Crook	G. Crook
<b>Usher</b>	M. Baker	K. Rice	R. Harris	M. Meier
<b>Greeter</b>	R. Linder	R. Harris	R. Linder	R. Linder
	J. Newton	M. Meier	M. Baker	K. Rice

## SUNDAY EVENING

Date	4/7	4/14	4/21	4/28
<b>Songs</b>	J. Pettigrew	Singing	P. Colvin	R. Linder
<b>1st Prayer</b>	J. Wilson	J. Pettigrew	R. Rabb	J. Meier
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	B. Tolbert	C. Bryant	J. Moore	D. Vondran
<b>Announcements</b>	R. Rabb	R. Rabb	M. Baker	R. Rabb
<b>Sound/Rec Sys</b>	J. Meier	J. Wilson	C. Bryant	J. Newton
<b>Usher/Counter</b>	G. Crook	G. Crook	G. Crook	G. Crook
<b>Usher</b>	S. Baker	R. Harris	K. Rice	R. Harris
<b>Greeter</b>	R. Linder	M. Meier	J. Newton	K. Rice
	R. Harris	M. Baker	M. Meier	M. Meier

## WEDNESDAY EVENING

Date	4/3	4/10	4/17	4/24
<b>Devotional</b>	J. Meier	J. Wilson	C. Bryant	B. Tolbert
<b>Songs</b>	R. Linder	B. Tolbert	J. Pettigrew	J. Meier
<b>1st Prayer</b>	J. Wilson	D. Vondran	R. Rabb	J. Moore
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	J. Moore	M. Baker	K. Koonce	R. Rabb
<b>Announcements</b>	M. Baker	R. Rabb	B. Tolbert	L. Fisackerly
<b>Sound/Rec Sys</b>	C. Bryant	J. Meier	J. Wilson '	C. Bryant
<b>Usher/Counter</b>	G. Crook	G. Crook	G. Crook	G. Crook
<b>Usher</b>	M. Beard	R. Harris	M. Meier	M. Beard
<b>Greeter</b>	M. Meier	K. Rice	J. Meier	R. Linder
	R. Harris	S. Baker	R. Linder	J. Newton



# **AREAWIDE SINGING**

**SATURDAY  
APRIL 20, 2024  
6-7:30PM**

**FOOD & FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW**

**2078 HWY 425 N, MONTICELLO, AR**